

Memorial Day ceremony at Punchbowl honors veterans

Story and photos by
MC2 Daniel Barker

Navy Public Affairs
Support Element West,
Detachment Hawaii

Honolulu Mayor Peter Carlisle and Retired Army Gen. David Bramlett joined Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, commander of U.S. Pacific Command and other dignitaries for the Mayor's Memorial Day Ceremony held May 28 on the grounds of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

The ceremony honored veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their nation, and each of the 34,000 graves at Punchbowl was decorated with an American flag and a Hawaiian lei.

"It is often said that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance," said Carlisle. "Honolulu is uniquely posi-



Photo illustration

tioned to facilitate both military preparedness and international dialogue. And that famous harbor not far from here will always evoke powerful memories of tragedy and resilience. It is my sincere hope that our city will always continue to foster peace and security."

Bramlett was the master of ceremonies for the event. Chaplain Lt. Col. Ken Bellinger, deputy command chaplain, 8th Theater Sustainment Command, U.S. Army, provided the invocation.

Junior Reserve Officer Training Command cadets from Campbell, Kaiser, McKinley and Waianae High Schools marched and posted the 50 state flags of the United States, and the Joint Military Color Guard posted the national colors. Numerous wreaths were

See MEMORIAL, A-7

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam holds safety and security town hall

Mary Schmidtke

Hickam Communities LLC

A town hall meeting May 22 at Hickam Communities Earhart Community Center focused on the safety and security of residents who live in military housing at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, JBPHH security officer and commander of the 647th Security Forces Squadron, addressed approximately 75 residents about a recent rash of thefts in the housing areas. They updated the

group on efforts they are taking to ensure the safety and security of residents.

Gimbrone outlined the nature of the approximately 20 incidents that took place from mid-April to mid-May. The thefts included one motor vehicle, three motorcycles, several bicycles, helmets, electronic devices and surfboards. Many of the incidents were crimes of convenience and opportunity, where items were taken from unsecured areas. Gimbrone reiterated that every reported incident is taken seriously and investigated and that patrols have recently been increased. In addition, a theft response task force has been created, involving other base



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Mike Meares

Patrolmen Petty Officer 2nd Class Tim Moss and Seaman Scott Meyer speak to a resident as they go door-to-door during Operation ENLIGHTEN II, May 9. Airmen and Sailors went to more than 2,000 homes to hand out information about safety and security.

enforcement groups and agencies.

Recently, members of the JBPHH Security Department, joint base leaders and Hickam Communities representatives also delivered a memorandum door-to-door in the Hickam Communities and Forest City housing areas to alert residents to recent events.

They emphasized that there are things everyone can do to be more secure in their personal life and their homes. This includes locking homes and vehicles, observing the curfew policy, being aware of teen/dependent activity, and immediately reporting any suspicious activity.

See TOWN HALL, A-7

15th Wing leadership observes Memorial Day



Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Rodewald, 15th Wing command chief, place flowers during a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

U.S. Air Force photo

Navy Region Hawaii will implement 10 percent buffer for Resident Energy Conservation Program in October

Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs

The pilot Resident Energy Conservation Program (RECP) that began in January 2011 for Navy Region Hawaii's public-private venture (PPV) housing residents was a huge success, according to Commander, Navy Installation Command (CNIC). As a result, CNIC announced recently that RECP will be rolled out to the rest of the Department of Navy's PPV housing beginning in October.

The rollout mandated that all RECPs will use a 10 percent buffer above and below the average monthly electricity usage by PPV residents. The 20 percent buffer currently applied to local Forest City Residential Management (FCRM) electric bills will be adjusted to 10 percent this October.

The Navy and Marine Corps pilot RECPs saw electric utility consumption decrease by approximately 10 percent as residents became more aware of their usage and adjusted their behavior to earn rebates and avoid payments. CNIC determined that utilizing a 10 percent buffer will increase conservation by creating more resident awareness of their utility usage.

FCRM will include a note on resident monthly bills starting with electric bills received in July that will prepare residents for the Oct. 1 buffer change. Navy Region Hawaii and FCRM will ensure command and residents understand the impact of this change. Community meetings will be held in the coming months.

RECP will remain the same other than changing the buffer size: like-type groups of homes are metered and their utility usage is measured monthly (water excluded) to develop an average usage. In October, a buffer of 10 percent



will be applied above and below the average to create an average usage band. Residents with usage above the band for their like-type group pay, and those under will receive a rebate.

RECP is in alignment with the Office of Secretary of Defense and Department of the Navy energy conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels and over-use of electricity.

"Combined with our alternative/renewable energy initiatives, the Residential Energy Conservation Program is helping us achieve our goals of greater energy security and energy independence through tried and true methods of conservation," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"RECP is an incentive program that rewards people for being conscientious, careful and concerned about their own energy use, and we see it as a win-win for everyone involved, especially for our warfighters' families," he added. "I encourage everyone to learn more about how to conserve energy and support RECP. This is a readiness issue."

Hickam Communities, LLC, the other PPV housing project at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam began its first phase of RECP in April 2012 (see Ho'okele article, May 4, 2012) and is also utilizing a 10 percent buffer around resident monthly electricity averages.

Forest City's website at www.fcnavyhawaii.com/recp provides tips on reducing energy usage. Questions regarding the RECP can be addressed to Darryl Nii at Navy Region Hawaii at 474-1825 or Tom Carter at Forest City Residential Management at 830-8610.

Pacific submarine community honor war heroes

Story and photos by
MC2 (SW/AW/SCW)
Ronald Gutridge

Commander Submarine Force
U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs
Office

The Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam was the setting for a Memorial Day ceremony held May 28 as retired and active duty submariners and guests gathered to pay tribute to the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol” and all those service members who defended the country.

The ceremony opened with the parading of the colors as the Pacific Fleet Band performed the National Anthem followed by the ceremony invocation by Chaplain Cmdr. Steven Moses, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Force.

A roll call was announced, consisting of a tolling of the bell for each submarine lost and a presentation of a special lei to the USS Growler (SS 215), the Hawaii chapter of U.S. Submarine Veterans of WWII designated state submarine lost in WWII.



(Left) The Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Regional Ceremonial Guard Honors and Ceremonies Detachment stands ready to perform the 21-gun salute during the Memorial Day ceremony held May 28 at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial. (Center) Guest speaker, Adm. Cecil Haney Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, reflects on the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol.” (Right) Retired submarine veteran Master Chief (SS) John Dugan of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc. places a lei on the plaque of each World War II submarine during the ceremony.

Adm. Cecil Haney, commander of U.S. Pacific Fleet and guest speaker, reflected on the World War II submarines on “eternal patrol” and the sacrifice and heroism of their

crews as well as all the submariners who have followed their paths.

“Today, as we gather at this unique submarine memorial park, we observe the plaques of these lost

boats and their heroic Sailors. We recognize those lost in the sub service during WWII. We recognize the importance of their sacrifice and the legacy they have bestowed

upon us,” said Haney.

“For it was through their effort and ultimately their sacrifice that our submarine force has become what it is today, a formidable force capable of protecting the very nation that they gave their lives to defend. Today we have gathered to honor and remember not only those brave men of the submarine force who paid the ultimate price in service to our country, but all who gave their lives throughout the history of our grateful nation,” Haney said.

The conclusion of the ceremony included the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Regional Ceremonial Guard Honors and Ceremonies Detachment performing a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps by Musician 1st Class Justin Skorupa from U.S. Pacific Fleet Ceremonial Band.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually in the U. S. on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union Soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor all who have died in all wars.

Hawaii Federal Fire Department pays tribute to fallen

MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Navy Public Affairs Support
Element West, Detachment
Hawaii

Personnel from Federal Fire Department (FFD) Hawaii held a wreath-laying ceremony May 29 at the USS Arizona Memorial to commemorate Memorial Day.

The event was the second wreath-laying ceremony that FFD has held at the memorial.

“We decided to do this annually – laying a wreath – on this particular memorial for remembering not only those that lost their lives on the Arizona, but also those that lost their lives in the many wars around the United States,” said FFD Fire



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham
Members of the Federal Fire Department participate in a wreath-laying ceremony at the USS Arizona Memorial.

Chief Glen DeLaura.

FFD Fire Inspector Angela Sanders gave some insight to the important of holding the wreath laying at the memorial, explaining that she wanted people to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day and honor it as it should be.

“Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have lost their lives to serve and protect our great nation. Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us, and we often do not observe the day as it should be,” Sanders said.

“I believe the true meaning of Memorial Day is when we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors and our friends who have given the

ultimate sacrifice,” she said.

The phrase “Protecting Those Who Defend America” was placed across a ceremonial wreath that was presented and displayed at the memorial. The ceremony ended with personnel of the FFD scattering flower petals off the memorial into the waters beneath it.

“Protecting Those Who Defend America is our motto at the Federal Fire Department, and because of those brave individuals we are proud to display this on our trucks and within our hearts. To those who lost their lives and served on the Arizona, you have truly given the ultimate sacrifice, and for that you will never be forgotten. Thank you,” Sanders said.

JBPHH civil engineers conduct PRIME BEEF exercise at Bellows

Staff Sgt. Nathan Allen

15th Wing Public Affairs

The 647th Civil Engineer Squadron from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam brought the “bull” to Bellows Air Force Station, Hawaii from May 21 to 25 to practice their ability to respond to contingency operations worldwide.

In times of crisis or military need, base engineer emergency force, or PRIME BEEF, teams deploy to austere locations and provide runways, water supply facilities, electricity, housing and other essential facilities to support joint and coalition forces worldwide.

During the recent exercise, Airmen from all career fields within the Civil Engineer Squadron were brought

together to perform a task, regardless of their individual Air Force specialty code—a dynamic synonymous with the real-world demands of a PRIME BEEF team.

“On a deployment, all you have out there is each other,” said Tech. Sgt. William DeGuzman, a 647th CES structural craftsman. “This exercise really sets the tone to make people more comfortable with working together and doing whatever needs to be done, even if it’s outside of your specialty.”

While Airmen participating in PRIME BEEF largely put their specialties aside to accomplish tasks, there is still individual career field value to be garnered from the event, according to Airman 1st Class Raymart De Asis, 647th CES contract inspector.



U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe
Airmen from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, lay asphalt May 23 at Bellows Air Force Station as part of the squadron’s Prime BEEF exercise.

“Being able to get out of the office and learn the work behind what we inspect is really nice,” De Asis explained. Likewise, the most impor-

tant purpose of this exercise may be exposing new civil engineers to the correlation between the exercise and real-world deployments, said Tech. Sgt. Robert Finton, 647th CES pavement construction equipment craftsman.

“It’s very beneficial to people who haven’t been deployed,” he said. “It ensures we remain a highly mobile contingency unit.”

The work of PRIME BEEF teams can be seen throughout U.S. military history in countries like Lebanon, Germany, Cuba, Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, the Federated States of Micronesia and domestically in recovery efforts for natural disasters, including Hurricane Camille in 1969 and Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

Hawaii Energy and Forest City Military Communities launch Energy Smart Initiative

Story and photo by
Grace Hew Len

Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Public Affairs

Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, joined Hawaii Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz, Marine Corps Base Hawaii commanding officer Col. Brian Annichiarico, Forest City Military Communities and Hawaii Energy as they launched Hawaii’s Energy Smart Initiative during a ceremony at the Navy’s Catlin Park neighborhood May 29.

“The Energy Smart Initiative represents the state of Hawaii’s first large-scale effort in transforming two entire residential communities to achieve an energy-efficient lifestyle,” Schatz said. “I applaud each and everyone involved in this project as it will serve as a wonderful model for others to follow.”

Hawaii Energy is the energy efficiency and conservation program for Hawaii, Honolulu and Maui counties. The program is in align-



Capt. Jeffrey James congratulates Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SS) Benjamin Daniels of Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, wife Ronalee and son Brenden, who were selected as the first “Energy Smart ambassadors” at Forest City Military Communities. The family lives at Catlin Park in the neighborhood’s first “net zero” energy home.

ment with the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy’s energy conservation initiatives to reduce dependence on foreign oil and other fossil fuels and to curb the overuse of electricity.

“In addition to the rising

cost, America’s dependence on foreign oil poses a significant threat to national security,” James said. “I encourage every household to participate in the Energy Smart Initiative and help conserve energy. Reducing electricity consumption helps to secure

our energy interests locally and nationally and improves our security posture.”

James said the military is leading change and recognized a Navy family at Catlin Park that lives in the first “net zero” energy home at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Providing deck-place leadership, Chief Benjamin Daniels, assigned to Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific, and his family of four became the first “Energy Smart ambassadors” to share and lead an energy-efficient lifestyle in their community. The Daniels’ home is equipped with rooftop photovoltaic panels, triple insulation, solar and energy smart appliances.

“We’ve done a lot of research online to further reduce our energy consumption,” said Ronalee Daniels. Their average monthly consumption has been under 900 kilowatt hours for their 1,900 square-foot home, she said.

James said conservation is about preserving the bottom line. “It forces you to take a look at your energy

bill. More importantly, when military families leave PPV housing, their good energy habits can put money back into their accounts.”

Through the Energy Smart Initiative, Hawaii Energy and Forest City expect to achieve a minimum 1.3 million kilowatt energy reduction per year. With Hawaii residents paying the highest electricity rates in the nation, Forest City military family residents will contribute to significant energy and financial savings and provide a large contribution to helping the state of Hawaii achieve its clean energy goals.

“Forest City Military Communities and the Navy and Marine Corps are truly leading by example through this initiative,” said Ray Starling, Hawaii Energy Program manager. “The best way for Hawaii to achieve its energy efficiency goals is one community at a time.”

By participating in the Energy Smart Initiative, Forest City residents will learn about three easy ways

to become more energy efficient. The goal of the initiative is that residents will decrease their electricity consumption every month and quite possibly earn a rebate.

“We are excited about partnering with Hawaii Energy to help our residents and our communities operate more energy efficiently,” added Will Boudra, Forest City vice president. “By helping build energy smart communities, Forest City residents can not only save money, they will aid in the energy security of our state and our nation.”

Forest City Military Communities, in partnership with the Department of the Navy, manages, maintains and revitalizes neighborhoods on and around military bases in Hawaii, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Marine Corps Base Hawaii and neighboring installations.

For more information about the Energy Smart Initiative, Forest City or Hawaii Energy, visit HawaiiEnergy.com/ForestCity.

Commentary

Keep ‘safety first’ in mind this summer

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific

Navy Region Hawaii/Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific friends, families and shipmates, the below is a personal message from me to you. I ask that you read and heed to its call.

First, thank you all for achieving an overall very safe and healthy Memorial Day weekend. Now, we have begun the “101 days of summer.” I ask that you continue your commitment to safety from now through Labor Day – and beyond.

Last year’s 101 days did not start out well at all. Last Memorial Day two Sailors and two Marines lost their lives during what was supposed to be an enjoyable holiday weekend.



The two Sailors were killed while riding their motorcycles, and one Marine lost control of his automobile and was ejected after he struck a tree. Another Marine fell from the 17th

story of a hotel. All four of these mishaps were completely preventable. Of the motor vehicle mishaps, two were single vehicle crashes, and one was the result of a motorcycle losing control

and crossing into oncoming traffic.

Just recently this month, two Sailors lost their lives in a fatal traffic accident. Indications were they were fatigued.

To curb the enthusiasm for accidents and incidents that take our Sailors and families away from us, I urge you to stop and take note of personal and family summer activities. A few minutes of careful planning and risk management assessment can go a long way in avoiding incidents.

• This past Memorial Day weekend marked the beginning of the fleet’s annual summer safety campaign, “Live to Play, Play to Live.” The good news is the vast majority of both major and minor mishaps that occurred last year were completely preventable with solid risk management practices. Tools to

manage risks are available at the Naval Safety Center’s website, www.public.navy.mil/navsa fecen.

• If you plan to take advantage of summer to travel outside of the local area, use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) to enhance your chances for success on the road. This online risk assessment tool will help identify and mitigate potential risk factors associated with your planned travel. To date, more than 380,000 Sailors and Marines have filled out assessments and zero have died while traveling on a TRiPS-assessed journey.

• If you’re visiting the beach, be sure everyone knows how to swim. If you need lessons, contact MWR or a community pool. Obey posted signs and lifeguards and keep a close eye on small kids.

• Those who choose to drink and serve alcohol during the holiday weekend or anytime must remember moderation and responsible drinking are keys to success in the social arena. The vast majority of Sailors and Marines do a great job of this.

Alcohol-related incidents are going down across the fleet; however, overconsumption remains a concern.

For all of you and for all of us, I ask that we pause for a moment to ensure that our summer vacations are filled with fond memories and not long-lasting regrets.

Please see the Navy Safety Center website link below. It has a long list of how to “play-it-safe.” <http://safetycenter.navy.mil>

Thank you and enjoy your most-deserved summer.

Air Force Assistance Fund drive at JBPHH exceeds goal

1st Lt. Kathleen A. Eisenbrey

15th Medical Group

The 2012 Team Hickam campaign for the Air Force Assistance Fund (AFAF) recently concluded with \$131,061.08 in total contributions, exceeding the Air Force recommended goal of \$110,585 by 20 percent.

“This year’s campaign was a great success because of the efforts and generosity put forth by the Airmen of Team Hickam,” said Col. Dann Carlson, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam deputy commander and 647th Air Base Group commander. “The charitable contributions highlight the installation’s commitment to ‘Airmen Always’ and the level to which our Airmen take care of their own.”

Funds raised during the campaign will directly benefit the Air Force Aid Society, Air Force Villages, Inc., the Gen. and Mrs.

Curtis E. LeMay Foundation and the Air Force Enlisted Village.

There were several outstanding highlights among the Team Hickam units that donated. The largest contribution came from the 13th Air Force, donating \$31,545.04. Pacific Air Forces Headquarters and the 15th Wing each contributed more than \$29,000. The 647th Logistics Readiness Squadron was the unit that most exceeded their goal amount of \$1,248, by collecting \$3,504.

“I am deeply impressed by the dedication of the Hickam community to support fellow Airmen and their families through the Air Force Assistance Fund,” said Col. Sam Barrett, 15th Wing commander. “The campaign does an outstanding job of giving back to our Air Force family year after year.”

According to the AFAF website, the campaign was established to provide an annual effort to raise funds for the charitable affiliates

that provide support to the Air Force family – including active duty, reservists, Guardsmen, retirees, dependents and surviving spouses – in their time of need.

“Hard work has paid off,” said 1st Lt. Jeremy Walker, Team Hickam unit project officer. “The Air Force Assistance Fund will continue to greatly benefit our Airmen and their spouses for years to come due to our installation’s contributions.”

Walker stressed the importance Team Hickam played in contributing to the record year of donations, totaling \$7.6 million raised Air Force-wide.

“Airmen came through with an impressive overall contribution directly supporting the fellow Airmen and families of Team Hickam,” said Capt. William “Jack” Glojek, 647th Air Base Group AFAF unit project officer.

For more information on the 2012 AFAF campaign, visit www.afassistancefund.org or the AFPC personnel services website.

Diverse Views



Hurricane season stretches from June 1 through Nov. 30. What preparations are you taking in the event a hurricane hits Hawaii?



Teresa Cintron
Makalapa Clinic

“It’s hard for me because I was born and raised here. But you have to make sure you have everything you need. Food, water and a radio so you can hear everything. I don’t know why people put gas in their car because they can’t go anywhere.”

Maydeen Malka
735th Air Mobility Squadron

“I have a land line, extra batteries, water and food for at least three days.”



Hospital Corpsman Seaman Abigail Doromal
Naval Health Clinic Hawaii

“I have a stock of water and food in my barracks room. I stock up in case of emergencies. I have a candle, a flashlight and we got a hand-book in case of disaster for Pearl Harbor.”

Command Chief Master Sgt. Sharon Box
515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

“Currently lodged at Tripler lodging in a ‘safe zone.’ Ensure wing has contact information for recall.”



Navy Diver 2nd Class Daryl Waldrup
Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (IMF)

“I keep a supply of enough fresh water and canned and dry food for a few days. I also have a basic disaster supplies kit with a flashlight, first aid kit and other emergency stuff.”

(Provided by Jazzmin Williams and David Underwood Jr.)

Want to see your command featured in Diverse Views? Got opinions to share?

Drop us a line at editor@hookelenews.com or karen.spangler@navy.mil

Douglas A-20A saw duty on Oahu



U.S. Air Force photo

The Douglas A-20A of the 58th Bomb Squadron is shown here over Oahu, Hawaii, on May 29, 1941. The Douglas A-20A Havoc was the first production in the A-20 series, differing from the A-20 primarily in the engines used. The A-20 was designed as a high-altitude, light attack bomber and was fitted with turbosupercharged radial engines that allowed the aircraft to operate efficiently at high altitude.



HO'OKELE Online

<http://www.hookelenews.com> or <https://www.cnlc.navy.mil/hawaii>



HO'OKELE

Commander,
Navy Region Hawaii
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds

Chief of Staff
Capt. Robert Espinosa

Director,
Public Affairs
Agnes Tauyan

Deputy Director,
Public Affairs
Bill Doughty

Petty Officer
MC1 Donald W. Randall

Commander,
Joint Base
Pearl Harbor-Hickam
Capt. Jeffrey James

Deputy Commander
Col. Dann S. Carlson

Director, Public Affairs
Grace Hew Len

Managing Editor
Karen Spangler

Assistant Editor
Don Robbins

Sports Editor
Randy Dela Cruz

Contributing Writer
Jazzmin Williams

Layout/Design
Antonio Verceluz
Patrick Murray

Ho’okele is a free unofficial paper published every Thursday by The Honolulu Star Advertiser 500 Ala Moana Boulevard Suite 7-500 Honolulu Hawaii 96813, a private firm in no way connected with DoD, the U. S. Navy or Marine Corps, under exclusive contract with Commander, Navy Region Hawaii.

All editorial content is prepared, edited, provided and approved by the staff of the Commander, Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs Office: 850 Ticonderoga, Suite 110, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 96860-4884. Telephone: (808) 473-2888; fax (808) 473-2876; e-mail address: editor@hookelenews.com World Wide Web address: <https://www.cnlc.navy.mil/Hawaii/> or www.hookelenews.com.

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication primarily for members of the Navy and Marine Corps military services and their families in Hawaii. Its contents do not necessarily reflect the official views of the U. S. Government, the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps and do not imply endorsement thereof.

The civilian publisher, The Honolulu Star Advertiser, is responsible for commercial advertising, which may be purchased by calling (808) 521-9111.

The appearance of advertising in this newspaper, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement of the products and services advertised by the Department of Defense, the U.S. Navy or Marine Corps, Commander, Navy Region Hawaii or The Honolulu Star Advertiser.

Everything advertised in this paper shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

A confirmed violation of this policy of equal opportunity by an advertiser will result in the refusal to print advertising from that source.

Ho’okele is delivered weekly to Navy & Air Force housing units and Navy installations throughout Oahu. Housing residents may contact the publisher directly at (808) 690-8864 if they wish to discontinue home delivery.

Letter to the Editor policy

Ho’okele welcomes letters to the editor for the editorial page on any subject as long as they are in good taste.

All letters must be accompanied by the writer’s name, E-mail address and daytime telephone number. Letters are subject to editing to meet space constraints.

Letters and articles that are submitted to Ho’okele may be published and/or distributed in print and electronic form.

E-mail letters to: editor@hoookelenews.com.

OAHU OBSERVES MEMORIAL DAY

Clockwise from top left

Hawaii's Rolling Thunder - Vietnam Vets, Legacy Vets, and Street Bikers United – kicks off Memorial Day eve event.

Hawaii-based chief petty officers commemorate the Year of the Chief on the grounds of the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Adam Hew Len, a cub scout from Pack 488 in Aiea, gives a scout salute after placing lei at a grave May 27 at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. About 2,000 boy scouts from the Aloha Council participated in the annual Memorial Day Good Turn ceremony.

The newly formed Women Military Veterans Task Force was among those who honored veterans and military service members during the Governor's Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe. Hawaii. Lt. Gov. Brian Schatz hosted the annual ceremony in collaboration with the Office of Veterans Services, a division of the state of Hawaii, and the Department of Defense. The ceremony focused on the theme, "Honoring Their Sacrifices."

The Vietnamese Today's Vision (VNTV) Ohana in traditional costumes await the start of Memorial Day eve event May 27 at Punchbowl.



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Donald W. Randall



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Donald W. Randall



U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Donald W. Randall



Photo by Maj. David Eisenbrey



U.S. Navy photo by Grace Hew Len

Preschoolers ‘graduate’ at historic Pearl Harbor chapel

Story and photos by MC2 Ronald Gutridge

Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

The Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) Pearl Harbor branch preschool conducted a special graduation ceremony May 23 for 37 preschool children at the historic Submarine Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

ASYMCA offers about 20 different programs, most of which are for strengthening families. Their motto is "serving those who serve America."

The parent participation preschool is a program that benefits both the child and the parent. Parents form support systems with other parents and thus reduce isolation and depression, and children receive a solid foundation that prepares them for kindergarten and beyond.

Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and

Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, spoke about the importance of preschool.

"I have attended many graduations, and I am here today because this is most important to me on many levels on how you as teachers and parents have given these wonderful little adults a great start," Ponds said. "For our nation, our most valuable asset is our children, so on behalf of the Navy I am honored to say thank you for all that you do to educate these children."

Elizabeth Bynum, the Pearl Harbor branch director, was instrumental in strengthening the preschool enrollment from 10 children to more than 100 in a two-year span.

"The experiences that I have [had] during the past two years has certainly been the highlight of my teaching career," said Bynum.

"This is the second graduating class of this program, and the best

part of today's ceremony is seeing the expressions on the parents' faces as their children get their diploma and walk down the aisle."

ASYMCA serves more than 40,000 military families each year, offering low or no-cost programs and services.

Located in downtown Honolulu, the ASYMCA Hawaii office opened in 1917 and is operated in the building that was the original Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Photo illustration

(Top) Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, hands out diplomas at the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) preschool graduation ceremony May 23 for 37 preschool children at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Submarine Memorial Chapel.

(Bottom) Children show off their diplomas during the.



USS Bremerton Sailors visit namesake city

MC2 (AW) Lawrence Davis

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Det. Northwest

BREMERTON, Wash. (NNS) – The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698) returned for a visit to its namesake city May 25.

The submarine, which is homeported at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was recently adopted by the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Navy League and welcomed upon arrival to Naval Base Kitsap's pier with a formal ceremony.

"We're very happy to be here. The Navy League and the mayor of Bremerton have shown great support to this ship and its crew, and it's just been outstanding," said Cmdr. Caleb Kerr, commanding officer of Bremerton.

The visit marks the subma-



U.S. Navy photo by Lt. Ed Early

Sonar Technician (Submarines) 3rd Class David Burrell receives an autographed poster from members of the Seattle Seahawks cheerleaders, the SeaGals, on the mess decks of the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Bremerton (SSN 698). Bremerton is making its first visit to its namesake city since 2009.

rine's first return to its namesake city in approximately two years.

"Anytime we get a chance to have our namesake come back, it's just wonderful," said former USS Bremerton commanding officer (1985-1988), retired Capt. Alan Beam of the Bremerton-Olympic Navy League.

"Our goal is to support the troops and the Sailors and make sure they know how much we appreciate their work," Beam said.

The submarine is visiting Bremerton before its upcoming deployment.

"This is a great opportunity for some outreach with the city that shows us so much support," said Kerr.

Bremerton is the 11th submarine of the Los Angeles-Class and is the oldest submarine in the U.S. Fleet, commissioned March 28, 1981.

Pearl Harbor-Hickam *Highlights*

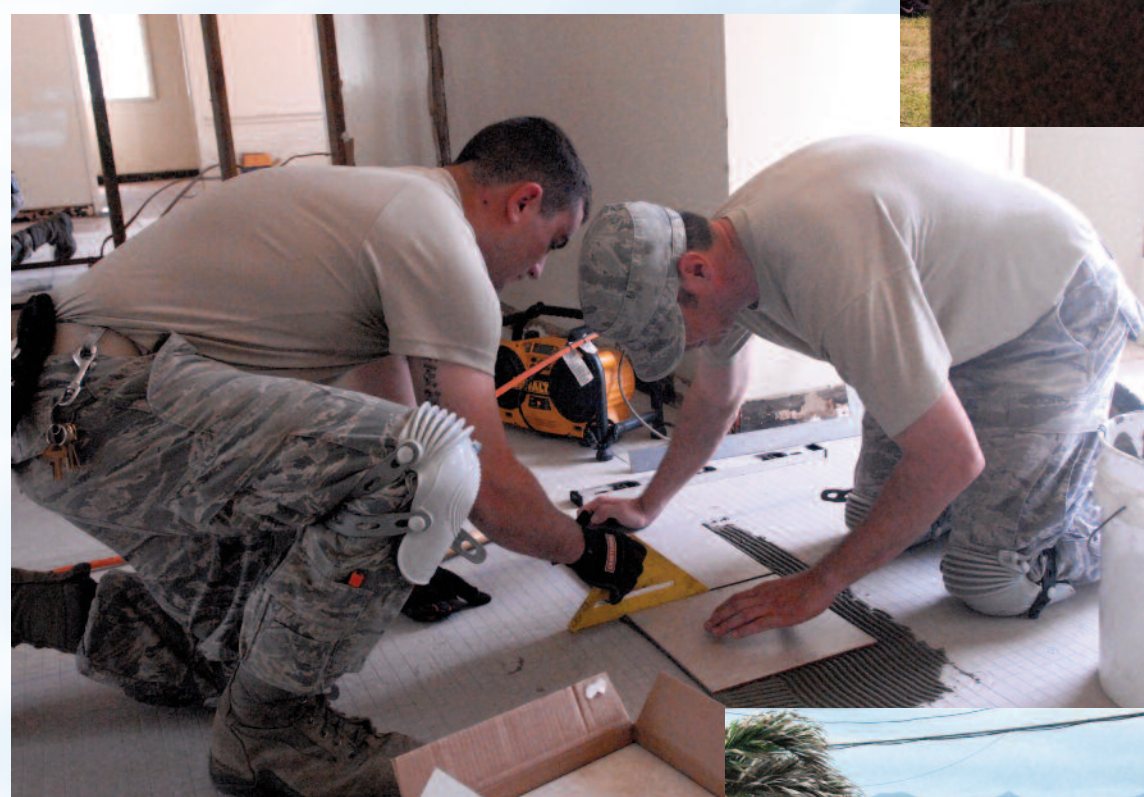


(Top three photos) A retreat ceremony was held May 18 in honor of National Police Week events. Members of both the Air Force and Navy attended the ceremony to pay tribute to fallen security force personnel. The event was hosted by Lt. Col. Michael Gimbrone, JBPHH security officer. Lt. Cmdr. Mark Kern, deputy joint base security officer, read the names of fallen security force Airmen and Sailors who died in the line of duty as a dual service color guard folded and retired the Ensign.

U.S. Navy photos by ET2 Allyson Khou

(Right) Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Croomelin (FFG 37), and USS Hopper (DDG 70) raise the Ensign over the Oahu Cemetery during a community service project. This volunteer project was part of the scheduled events on Oahu over the Memorial Day weekend.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham



Senior Airman Leonard Thibodeaux (left) and Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Bopp from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, lay tile on the floor of a cabin at Bellows Air Force Station on May 23 as part of the squadron's Prime BEEF exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe

Airmen from the 647th Civil Engineer Squadron at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, paint a fence May 23 at Bellows Air Force Station May 23 as part of the squadron's Prime BEEF exercise.

U.S. Air Force photo by 2nd Lt. Jessica Rowe



Oliver relinquishes command of 515th AMOW to Lamberth

Chad J. Dull

Historian, 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing

Col. Stephen W. Oliver Jr. relinquished command of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing (AMOW) to Col. Douglas K. Lamberth during a change of command ceremony May 30 at the Missing Man Formation Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

“You have accomplished much in the last two years. The mission results in support of our customers that Maj. General Bender just reviewed are impressive,” Oliver said to those who attended the ceremony.

“You have answered the call of others so that they may prevail, and it has been amazing to watch you accelerate global mobility for the warfighter throughout the Pacific in order to fuel the fight, deliver hope and save lives.”

“There are two words that sum up how I feel today, and that is ‘proud’ and ‘thankful.’ I am proud of all that you have accomplished, and I am thankful for the great Airmen and their families who make our mission go safely, by the book, and on time, even as we gather here today,” Oliver said.

“It has been the privilege of a lifetime to serve as your wing commander. You are all our family, our *ohana* as we say here in Hawaii,



U.S. Navy photo by David D. Underwood Jr.

Brig. Gen. William Bender (left), commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., passes the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing guidon to Col. Douglas K. Lamberth during a change of command ceremony May 30.

and we will miss you greatly. Thank you and God bless you.”

Among the many highlights of Oliver’s tenure as commander, the

515th AMOW provided disaster relief to Japanese citizens after a devastating earthquake, tsunami and emergency at the Fukushima

nuclear reactors. He led the Joint Task Force-Diego Garcia air-sea multi-modal deployment and redeployment of 105 Army helicopters to and from Afghanistan, saving the Department of Defense approximately \$20 million in transportation costs and focused on multiple command improvement initiatives, including \$94 million of infrastructure projects.

“The flag that we are passing today is significant ... it is a flag, it is a guidon, it is the colors of the 515th Air Mobility Operations Wing,” said Brig. Gen. William Bender, commander of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center.

“It’s significant because of the responsibility that goes along with the position. It represents what Col. Oliver has done so well and what Col. Lamberth is about to do,” Bender said.

The incoming commander, Lamberth, most recently served as vice commander of the 22nd Air Refueling Wing at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. Prior to that, he was U.S. Transportation Command’s liaison officer to the United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and United States Forces Korea at Yongsan U.S. Army Garrison in Seoul, Korea.

“I promise you that I will give you everything I have, and although I carry the title of commander, understand that I work for

you. I will work hard every day, look out for our best interests, and ensure that we are organized, trained and equipped to continue to be the best in the business,” Lamberth said as he took command.

“Our focus will be on mission, people and excellence. We will be disciplined, and we will continue to professionally and safely deliver en route airlift, air refueling and aeromedical evacuation support as only you know how,” he said.

“It is with a deep sense of pride and humility that I am able to call myself a warrior today, a Pacific mobility warrior. And there is no place that I would rather be,” Lamberth said.

The 515th AMOW is headquartered at JBPHH and serves as the Pacific arm of the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center and Air Mobility Command. Its mission is to provide agile en route capability to accelerate global air mobility for warfighters throughout the Pacific, utilizing command and control, aerial port operations and aircraft maintenance.

The diverse wing is comprised of two air mobility operations groups, six air mobility squadrons, three detachments and six operating locations. In total, the 515th AMOW contains nearly 1,800 geographically separated personnel across nine time zones.

Sailors volunteer to clean military plots at Oahu Cemetery

Story and photo by MC2 Tiarra Fulgham

Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, Detachment Hawaii

U.S. Navy Sailors volunteered May 25 to clean up cemetery plots of fallen service members at Oahu Cemetery.

Service members from the guided-missile cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), guided-missile frigate USS Crommelin (FFG 37) and guided-missile destroyer USS Hopper (DDG 70) took time away from their Memorial Day weekend to volunteer for the community relations project.

The group of approximately 30 Sailors came

out with hoses, shovels, gloves, brushes, trash bags and rakes to lend a hand in maintaining the military plots.

“The Sailors are out here cleaning and making sure everything looks good for the weekend just to pay their respects,” said Chief Personnel Specialist Jackie Stover, assigned to Hopper. “We’re here to pay tribute to those who have gone before us and to just make sure their graves are taken care of for the Memorial Day weekend.”

For some Sailors, it was more than just taking their time to volunteer but also had more meaning behind it.

“It shows camaraderie between the ships,” said



Chief Logistics Specialist Quentin Newsom, assigned to USS Hopper. “We have USS Chosin, USS Crommelin and USS Hopper here helping out, making sure that everyone has a great start to their Memorial Day weekend.”

“It’s also a lesson so that the Sailors can understand the meaning of giving back to those who have come before us,” said Newsom.

Sailors from USS Chosin (CG 65), USS Crommelin (FFG 37), and USS Hopper (DDG 70) clean plots of fallen service members at Oahu Cemetery during a community service project.

Sailors keep memorial neat and clean



(Left) Senior Chief Information Systems Technician (SS) Scott Bailey from Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet power washes the sail of the former Balao-class diesel submarine, USS Parche (SS 384) during a clean up May 23 at the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. The cleanup was in preparation for the 2012 Memorial Day ceremony.

(Below) Electrician’s Mate 1st Class (SS) Chris Cozart of the Naval Submarine Training Center Pacific uses a leaf blower to clean up the Pearl Harbor Submarine Park and Parche Memorial.

U.S. Navy photos by MC2 Ronald Cutridge



Book review of 'Joe Rochefort's War'

Review by Bill Doughty

May 12 was the 112th anniversary of the birth of Joseph John Rochefort. On the day after his 42nd birthday in 1942, through code-breaking and analysis, Rochefort discovered the Imperial Japanese Navy's (IJN) plan to attack Midway Atoll 70 years ago.

The Battle of Midway altered the course of World War II and saved Hawaii, Australia and perhaps the west coast of the United States from further attacks by Japan.

With a reporter's skills, Elliott Carlson shows the influence of one man on the outcome of Midway in "Joe Rochefort's War: The Odyssey of the Codebreaker Who Outwitted Yamamoto at Midway."

Carlson employs dogged research, personal interviews, presentation of facts and a resistance to speculate. Thanks to his access to Rochefort's family members and Navy archives, he is able to paint a picture of the complicated man and the political intrigue that marked his naval career.

Rocheport is revealed as a "restless maverick" – caustic, acerbic, sarcastic. But he was also gifted with extraordinary memory, able to solve puzzles and synthesize complex shifting information.

These abilities proved indispensable in the Pacific War. Rochefort implemented actionable intelligence in an independent, decentralized setting at Pearl Harbor's Station Hypo, predicting the future for Adm. Nimitz and Adm. King and allowing them to develop strategies to defeat the enemy.

Rochefort, the youngest of seven children, was born May 12, 1900 to Irish immigrant parents. To put things into historical context: His father, Frank, was born in Dublin 160 years ago (1852), only 40 years after the War of 1812 and nine years before the American Civil War. One hundred years ago (1912), the Rochefort family moved from Dayton, Ohio to Los Angeles, where Joe was recruited into the Navy.

With no college or even a high school diploma, Joe Rochefort joined the Navy in 1918. His science and math abilities propelled him to the rank of ensign, and he served on training ships, tankers, a mine sweeper and a destroyer. He served aboard the cruisers USS New Orleans and USS Indianapolis, as he was recruited into the intelligence field, and on several battleships, including USS Maryland, USS California, USS Pennsylvania and USS Arizona.

Author Carlson shows how Rochefort was haunted by the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Rochefort felt a sense of guilt for not being able to predict the attack. But Pearl Harbor motivated him, as it did for the rest of the nation.

Rochefort redoubled his



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Sean Furey

Janet Rochefort, the daughter of Joseph Rochefort sits next to a plaque outside former Station Hypo during a visit Jan. 6 with family members. Rochefort, a cryptanalyst, played a pivotal role at Station Hypo during WWII.

efforts to crack the JN-25(b) code, analyze radio transmissions, and track the Imperial Japanese Navy. Carlson provides just enough information about the art of codebreaking, in an era of nascent computing and related technology, to show how daunting the task was for Rochefort's team: 50,000 possible meanings of 33,333 five-digit codes with an indeterminate, shifting beginning.

Despite the challenges, Rochefort correctly predicted the location of the Imperial Fleet in the western Pacific as early as January 1942. He gave Nimitz information that proved correct in the Battle of the Coral Sea, setting the stage for Midway.

"Gains registered in cryptanalysis and codebreaking permitted Rochefort to practically look over Yamamoto's shoulder as he moved his forces around the Pacific," Carlson writes.

On May 13, 1942, Rochefort decrypted information that the IJN was focusing on areas near Midway and the Aleutians. Rochefort analyzed the information and made a case for an impending attack on Midway, suspected as being "AF" in the Japanese code. He presented his analysis on sheets of paper on plywood and wooden sawhorses; PowerPoint would not be available for decades.

With help from former submariner, engineer and University of Hawaii faculty member Jasper Holmes, who knew Midway's infrastructure, Rochefort devised a ruse so the Japanese would reveal their plans. Nimitz approved the plan, and a fake message was issued that Midway was running short of fresh water. The LFN then sent out their own message about the water shortage in code, thus con-

firming that “AF,” “Affirm Fox,” was indeed Midway.

Nimitz carried out his own subterfuge, directing fake carrier transmissions in the Coral Sea and a bombing of Tulagi by PBVs that fooled the Japanese into thinking that U.S. aircraft carriers were still on location.

With intelligence, guts and luck, the United States Navy defeated the Imperial Japanese Navy at Midway.

Carlson writes: "Eventually the Battle of Midway would be compared with Trafalgar, Jutland, and other major campaigns at sea that turned the tide of history. The battle transformed the conflict between the United States and Japan. Many agonizing years of combat loomed ahead, but after Midway the United States would remain on the offensive. Midway was the crucial battle of the Pacific War, the engagement that made everything else possible," Nimitz said after the war."

Rochefort's contributions continued despite political intrigue and infighting within the intelligence community and a resistance to innovation and free-thinking by some leaders and colleagues.

Rocheftort tracked Japanese action in Guadalcanal, acoustic mines, oil supplies and access to sea lanes and even the Japanese view of the situation in Germany late in the war. He had other challenging assignments, as well, including working on floating drydocks, but he soon retired on Jan. 1, 1947 at the rank of captain and at 46 years old, returning to the Navy briefly during the Korean War.

The attack of Dec. 7, 1941 brings inevitable comparisons to Sept. 11, 2001 and though he does not make the comparisons himself, several jump

out in Carlson's book. Among the biggest: a lack of imagination in predicting the attack and a failure for agencies to share information, what Carlson quotes as "fatal defects in the Army-Navy relationship."

Interservice rivalry continued to challenge Rochefort when the Army's 7th Air Force doubted Hypo's information analysis and resisted the evidence that Midway would be a target in June 1942.

Another 9/11 comparison comes after the war when conspiracy theories abounded. Groups targeted FDR, accusing former President Roosevelt of knowing about the attack on Oahu and allowing it to happen in order to push the country into WWII.




Carlson shows the lack of evidence for the conspiracy theories and gives credit to Rochefort for resisting political and peer pressure to fix blame.

Time and perspective, combined with evidence and good sources, are a strong combination, and Carlson wields a deft pen in describing the life and impact of Joe Rochefort and his role in winning the Battle of Midway.

The book is made even better with the inclusion of photos, including rare family pictures. Among the more fascinating are photos of a young Rochefort in Tokyo, 1929-32, where he studied Japanese and gained an understanding of the culture.

"Joe Rochefort's War" is a tour de force and a top 10 read for the history of the Battle of Midway.

(For the full review and other book reviews and commentaries, including a recent post by James D. Hornfischer, visit <http://bit.ly/NReads>.)

BOOK-OFF


you can **SELL** your

Books, Games, DVDs, Blu-rays, CDs & iPods?

Step 1


Have your items ready to sell

Just bring your goods




Step 2

View items on the spot



Step 3

Money on the spot



Deverline Penalties & Store

Ph: 808-438-0841

Ala Ala Sea Center Shredlyn Store

Ph: 808-962-0143

www.bookoffhawaii.com

Hawai'i Pacific University

Military Campus Programs

 A participating Yellow Ribbon school

On Base and Online

Hawai'i Pacific University is committed to providing our military community a high quality education in a flexible, military friendly learning environment.

HPU offers numerous classes on base and online. If you find yourself relocated or deployed, HPU has options that will allow you to complete your education from anywhere in the world.

Visit us online for course schedules and application information. Contact an academic advisor today.

Register now for Term 4-2012. Classes begin July 2.

Nickerson AFB	503-3953	Schofield Barracks	637-7993
NICM Camp Smith	503-9313	Tripler AMC	503-1493
NICM Kaneohe	503-9313	Graduate Advisor	637-7970
Pepee Harbor	637-7431		
Sand Island CO Station	503-3953		

www.hpu.edu/military

Visit Hawaii Pacific University's website at www.hpu.edu and visit our website at www.hpu.edu/military for more information. We are an equal opportunity institution.

MILITARY FAMILIES DESERVE HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT THEY CAN TRUST



America's military families deserve the best health care management we can provide. But Washington's decision to award UnitedHealthcare a \$20 billion contract for the TRICARE West Region without looking closely at the company's past performance and integrity raises serious concerns.

UnitedHealthcare's well-known difficulties with doctors, patients, governmental authorities, and even their own shareholders have resulted in \$2 billion in fines, penalties, and legal settlements.

Unfortunately, Washington ignored this troubling record and selected UnitedHealthcare to manage the health care of 2.9 million active duty military, retirees and their families in the TRICARE West Region.

According to published reports, Washington overlooked:

- UnitedHealthcare paid \$350 million to settle a class action lawsuit alleging failure to properly reimburse doctors and health plan members.
- Texas Health and Human Services Commission ended a contract with a UnitedHealth company in 2009, after more than 1,300 formal complaints were filed, according to published news reports.
- Andrew Cuomo, then NY Attorney General, in connection with an investigation into UnitedHealthcare's reimbursement database, said "...when insurers like United create convoluted and dishonest systems for determining the rate of reimbursement, real people get stuck with excessive bills..." (Feb. 2008)
- UnitedHealthcare was rated below average in health plan member satisfaction in the states surveyed within the TRICARE West Region by J.D. Power and Associates (2011-2012).
- Consumer Reports concluded in Nov. 2011 that UnitedHealthcare is the nation's largest health insurer; however, none of its private plans rank among the top 50 private plans, only three are in the top 100, and most occupy the bottom half of the rankings.

Visit our website to contact your Member of Congress today.

Tell them the UnitedHealthcare decision threatens the quality of military healthcare management – and America's military families deserve better.